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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
PARSKY

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY AND PARTY OF SIX PLANS TO
VISIT JIDDA AND RIYADH FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND SAUDI
OFFICIALS DURING PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH 21. PLAN IS
TO ARRIVE IN RIYADH ON NOVEMBER 18 AT 10:35 ON SV 794.
PARSKY AND PARTY WOULD PROCEED FROM RIYADH TO JIDDA ON
NOVEMBER 21 ARRIVING IN JIDDA AT 11:10 A.M. ON SV 795 AND
LEAVE JIDDA FOR CAIRO ON NOVEMBER 22 AT 9:40 A.M. ON
EGYPTAIR 762.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL TRIP PURPOSES. AS US COORDINATOR OF
THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, PARSKY WISHES TO DISCUSS A
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VARIETY OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE COMMISSION WITH THE SAG,

USREP, AND EMBASSY. MR. PARSKY WILL WISH TO REITERATE TO SAUDI POLICY MAKERS TOP LEVEL US GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION EFFORT AND TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS SAUDIS MAY HAVE. AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WILL BE TIMING AND GENERAL OUTLINES OF THE PROPOSED PLENARY JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING IN RIYADH IN FEBRUARY TO

BE CHAIRED ON THE US SIDE BY SECRETARY SIMON. PARSKY WOULD PLAN TO SIGN PROJECT AGREEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND ELECTRICAL PROCUREMENT FOR TREASURY AND US ACTION AGENCIES. MR. PARSKY WILL WISH TO DISCUSS AND ENDEAVOR TO SPEED UP PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER, BROADCASTING STATIONS, RIYADH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, DESALINATION LABORATORY, HOUSING CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM. A TOP PRIORITY ITEM WILL BE TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE JOINT COMMISSION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A DESIRE FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED BY THE SAG FOR US PARTICIPATION IN THE SAUDI 5-YEAR PLAN AND THE NEED TO PUSH INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, MR. PARSKY WOULD DISCUSS WITH RELEVANT SAUDI OFFICIALS US PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN, POSSIBLY WORKING TOWARD AN AGREEMENT ON A TARGET FOR US SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. FOR YOUR INFORMATION OUR ESTIMATE OF POTENTIAL US EXPORT SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES (EXCLUDING INVESTMENT INCOME PAYMENTS) RANGES FROM A CUMULATIVE LEVEL OF \$12 BILLION DOLLARS IN CURRENT PRICES OVER THE 5-YEAR PLAN PERIOD (BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION OF A 25 US MARKET SHARE AND A 20 GROWTH RATE IN SAUDI IMPORTS) TO \$19 BILLION DOLLARS (BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION OF A 30 US MARKET SHARE AND AN IMPORT GROWTH RATE OF 30 PER ANNUM.

4. MR. PARSKY WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH MINISTER YAMANI PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE FINANCIAL COMMISSION. MR. PARSKY WILL ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS WITH MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIR AND GOVERNOR QURAYSHI POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI INVEST- UNCLASSIFIED

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MENT IN POOL OF SECURITIES OF U.S. UTILITIES TO BE MANAGED BY EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE. ALSO INVOLVED IN THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE ELECTRIFICATION FIELD ON A REIMBURSIBLE BASIS BY EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE.

5. PARKSYS PARTY WILL INCLUDE EUGENE LAWSOW, DEPDIR OFFICE SPECIAL BILATERAL AFFAIRS, STATE; ROBIN CLEARY, SPECIAL

ASSISTANT TO MR. PARSKY; HUGH MC FADDEN, DIRECTOR OF TREASURY'S OFFICE OF SAUDI ARABIAN AFFAIRS; JERRY NEWMAN, TREASURY'S DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, HENRY HAPPEL, TREASURY ATTORNEY, AND J. P. SMITH, TREASURY OFFICER.

6. WHILE IN JIDDA ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY DESIRES TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE. MR. PARSKY REGRETS NECESSITY TO VISIT

JIDDA ON YOUR WEEKEND BUT EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE MAKES FRIDAY STOP NECESSARY. AS NOTED ABOVE HE WISHES TO MEET WITH GOVERNOR QURAYSHI OF SAMA AND MINISTER YAMANI.

PARSKY ALSO DESIRES TO MEET WITH MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIL AND DR. MANSOUR AL-TURKI, AND MINISTERS SOLAIM AND NAZIR. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE PARSKY WOULD ALSO WISH TO MEET WITH THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS: PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING, AGRICULTURE AND WATER, AND INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY. PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER MR. PARSKY COULD MEET WITH SEVERAL MINISTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN ANY EVENT, PARSKY WOULD LIKE TO HOST DINNER FOR MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIL AND OTHER SAUDI OFFICIALS WHILE IN RIYADH.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SECURE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ONE SUITE AND SIX SINGLE ROOMS FOR PARSKY PARTY FOR NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 21. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR DIFFICULTY IN SECURING HOTEL ROOMS AND APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS. FYI USREP HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THIS TRIP AND IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTY ACCOMMODATIONS IN RIYADH. REQUEST EMBASSY AND USREP SET UP PROPOSED MEETINGS. REQUEST EMBASSY AND USREP VIEWS
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